who have completed a three years project in India, the protein food can boost milk yield in Indian cows; and

(b) if so, when India's National Dairy Development Board would be implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Pilot Plant for producing 500 MT of by-pass protein feed per month has been set up at Itola in Baroda District of Gujarat State.

Bossting agricultural exports

3122. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for removal of restriction on agricultural exports, to boost country's agricultural exports; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) (Government has removed restrictions on farm sector for export of wheat and wheat products, grain and flour of barley, maize, bajra, ragi, jwar (excluding hybrid jowar grown as Kharif crop) butter; and on all types of pulses, lentils, grame and flour made therefrom with effect from March, 2002. Registration requirement for export on non-basmati rice and the requirement of export of pulses in package of 5 kg. have also been removed.

Further, the restictions on exports of cashew to Russia, groundnut oil in 5 kg. packs and above; and agricultural seeds except cashew, jute and onion, have also been lifted with effect from 31.3.2002. The registration requirement on export of butter and wheat and wheat products have also been removed with effect from 31.3.2002.

Subsidising urea for drought affected States

3123. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to subsidise Urea, for the

benefit of farmers in drought-affected States;

(b) whether Government have made any long-term planning to face such natural disaster; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) Sale price of Urea to farmers is subsidized and Urea is sold at uniform price to farmers throughout the country, including the drought-affected States.

(b) and (c) Necessary action is required to be taken by the State Governments concerned. The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States.

Bhoomi e. governance project of Karnataka

3124. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhoomi e-governance Project of Karnataka for Computerising 20 million rural land records, received Stockholm Challenge Award, if so, which are the other Indian e-governance projects selected for the above award; and

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to implement the above project in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pathetic conditions of agricultural labourers in Tamil Nadu

3125. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Thanjavour and Trichy regions of Tamil Nadu are entirely depending on agriculture only;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the pathetic conditions of the agricultural labourers, at the time of monsoon failure;